

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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**March 7, 2021**



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

**Altar Flowers** would have been sponsored this morning by *Debbie Schwartz celebrating her grandson – Issacs's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

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### WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

<b>Today</b>	<b>Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Catechism Class - Online</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Midweek Lent Service</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**Per Re-opening Plan other classes are suspended at this time.**

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### Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 49:8-13 † Galatians 4:21-31 † John 6:1-15 †**

**Sermon: Pastor Maggard**

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Divine Service III - Abbreviated**

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Psalm Tone B



### Introit

Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD, \*  
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, \***  
**for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

To You, | O LORD, \*  
I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\***  
**let not my enemies exult | over me.**

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; \*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble, \***  
**and forgive | all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me! \*  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in You.

### Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world**  
**without end.**

**Amen.**

### Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray.

## **Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Old Testament**

**Exodus 8:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.' " <sup>17</sup> And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup> The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup> Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve Me. <sup>21</sup> Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. <sup>22</sup> But on that day I will set apart

the land of Goshen, where My people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup> Thus I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen." ' ' <sup>24</sup> And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm Tone B**

**Gradual**

Psalm 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;\*  
let the nations be judged be- | fore You!

**When my enemies | turn back,\***  
**they stumble and perish before Your | presence.**

**Epistle**

**Ephesians 5:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one

deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



**Psalm Tone B**

**Tract**

Psalm 123:1-3a

To You I lift | up my eyes,\*

O You who are enthroned in the | heavens!

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their |  
master,\***

**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy  
up- | on us.**

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,\*

have mercy up- | on us.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 11:14–28**

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," <sup>16</sup>while others, to test Him,

kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

<sup>27</sup> As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which You nursed!" <sup>28</sup> But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.
  - 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.
  - 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
  - 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls  
assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in Your heaven.
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**Sermon****Pastor Maggard***Stand***Offertory**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising  
You and saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are  
full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever  
and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

### Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

### Communion Hymn #1 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 425

1      When I survey the wondrous cross  
            On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
            And pour contempt on all my pride.

2      Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
            Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
            I sacrifice them through His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

**Communion Hymn #2**

*Precious Lord; Take My Hand*

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- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
Lead me home.

*Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be you,  
**And with thy spirit.**

Bless we the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

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In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in Your righteousness deliver me!  
Psalm 31:1

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### **Announcements**

➔ Daylight Savings Time starts Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Remember to Spring forward an hour!

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### **Daily Devotions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
March 7	Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22	<b>Mark 9:1-13</b>	<b>129</b>
March 8	Genesis 29:1-30	<b>Mark 9:14-32</b>	<b>38:13-15, 21-22</b>
March 9	Genesis 35:1-29	<b>Mark 9:33-50</b>	<b>105:5-11</b>
March 10	Genesis 37:1-36	<b>Mark 10:1-12</b>	<b>31:1-5</b>
March 11	Genesis 39:1-23	<b>Mark 10:13-31</b>	<b>106:44-48</b>
March 12	Genesis 40:1-23	<b>Mark 10:32--52</b>	<b>49:1-3, 7-10</b>
March 13	Genesis 41:1-27	<b>Mark 11:1-19</b>	<b>11</b>

## Serving Today

Pianist	<i>Dolores Smith</i>
Elder	<i>Ron Pickinpaugh</i>
Ushers	<i>Mike Draney, Chuck Stringham</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Miller</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<i>Ron and Kim Pickinpaugh</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Chuck and Sandy Stringham</i>

## Prayer Requests

*Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Gloria Reinschmidt, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.*

*Prayers requested this week for: Gail York; Bill and Judi Parker-Choske.*

*We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Hannah and Mike Villasenor and their unborn daughter; Tamara Mahomes' friend- Vivian's son – Grant; Caitlyn Del Rio's best friend's family – especially, Azmoon; Carla Del Rio's friend – Maria; Dolores Smith's nephew – Jacob and his mom, Jenny; Don Sidoti's Uncle Douglas, Aunt Marge and family; Justin and Tiffany Izzo and their unborn son; Carla Del Rio's mom – Darlene and sister, Amy; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and Jackson; Pastor Eric, Kawaii and Pastor Eric's dad – Jack; Kevin and Laura Mitchell and unspoken prayers.*

*We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.*